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In re New Patent Application of)

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For: SEMICONDUCTOR MEMORY DEVICE)

Examiner Wojciechowicz

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **October 2, 2001**, the shortened statutory period for response being extended one (1) month until February 2, 2002, the following remarks are submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

REMARKS

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the consideration given the present application. The Office Action of **October 2, 2001**, has been received and its contents carefully noted. Concurrently filed herewith is a *Request for a One (1) Month Extension of Time* that extends the shortened statutory period for response until February 2, 2002. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that this response is timely filed and fully responsive to the Office Action.

Claims 1-10 are currently pending in the subject application, and are believed to be in condition for allowance at least for the reasons advanced hereinbelow.

The Examiner rejects claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,854,104 to *Onishi et al.* (hereinafter "*Onishi*") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,773,314 to *Jiang et al.* (hereinafter "*Jiang*"). Applicant respectfully traverses the